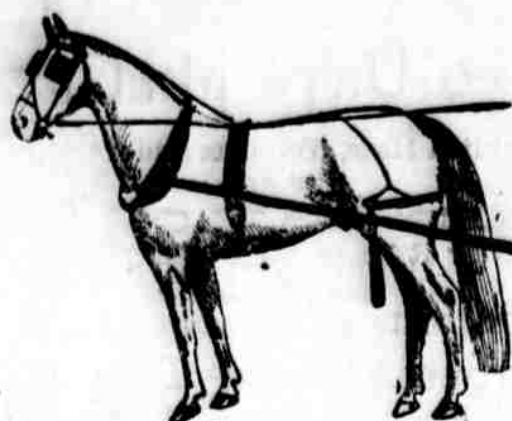


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terested in contact and intercourse with  
these semisavages, whose wild ways and  
legends had always been an attractive  
study, when my eyes fell upon the face of  
a young girl of their band. It was most  
wonderfully beautiful and fascinating.

The girl held herself strangely aloof  
from the rest of her people.  
One day I happened to be near one of  
the mess fires when the men were cooking  
supper, and one of them used some coarse  
ridiculous in his reference to Marata, for  
such was her name.

Quick as a flash one of his companions  
Edward Robson, a young giant of a plain  
man, sprang at him with the ferocity of a  
tiger, and thenceforward the careless jest-  
er carried a gap in his teeth as a memento  
of his rashness.

One day late in July the sun had drop-  
ped so low that we were in the grateful  
shadow of the hills to the westward, and  
the small mess fires were beginning to  
show their yellow glare among the trees in  
preparation for the evening meal. Robson  
was talking earnestly with Marata.

"Am I never to see you where I can  
talk to you as I want?" he asked in the  
Navajo tongue. "You know I love you,  
Marata, and that I shall make you my  
wife when I get my discharge, and we  
shall be happy then together. But it is  
too long to wait. I must see you and talk  
to you of the plans I have for our lives."

He told her that he was to be on picket  
duty that night, and she consented to join  
him and fly with him. Their signal was  
to be the howl of a coyote.

When they were gone, another figure  
crouched in a clump of bushes, straight-  
ened itself from its cramped position and  
raised its hand with a savage gesture.

It was the Indian Wild Horse, who had  
slipped into this concealment, where he  
could hear the lovers' intercourse and  
Marata's promise.

When Robson went to his post on picket  
that night, it was with heart beating high  
and eyes kindled with a gleam of satisfac-  
tion.

With a step as light as a boy's he paced  
back and forth, back and forth, humming  
to himself beneath his breath the melody  
of a fervid Spanish love song.

"Only 9 o'clock," he said impatiently  
at length. "That means a long wait yet,  
for she said she would not come until all  
was quiet, but I would wait for years if  
I expected her to come at last."

Hark! A dreary, dismal howl came to  
him on the night air, making his heart  
leap. Could it be the signal? Yes, there  
it came again and again! Surely it must  
be Marata, for the cry swelled and waned,  
long drawn and sad as the cry of the lost.  
Robson hid his rifle in a thicket, then  
drew it out again.

"I must have my rifle in case I should  
be seen by one of the other pickets," he  
said. He slung it across his shoulder and  
stole with stealthy step out into the shad-  
ows.

"Marata!"

"Here!" a voice answered him from the  
darkness.

And the impatient lover swung himself  
down the cliff with the aid of the over-  
hanging bushes and stunted trees.

"Marata!" he called again eagerly.  
And again the voice answered close at  
hand, and he saw a dim figure outlined in  
the obscure shadows of the canyon, where  
the starlight only penetrated fitfully. It  
was not Marata, for the dim light showed  
him an upturned arm and the pale glitter  
of a steel blade descending, and he felt the  
sharp pain of the knife in his shoulder.

It was the fall that saved him, for other-  
wise his assailant would have leaped upon  
him, and another thrust of the cruel knife  
would have sent him out into the un-  
known. As it was, he had time to recover  
himself, stagger to his feet and draw his  
own knife before Wild Horse could swing  
himself down the wall of rock to renew  
the attack.

Robson's years of frontier service had  
made him as skillful with the knife as the  
Indian himself, and he was no less lithe  
and strong in body and courageous in  
heart, but as they bent, swayed and  
struggled, watchful and wary, the wound  
in Robson's shoulder began to tell and the  
loss of blood to weaken him.

A strange feeling of languor took pos-  
session of him, the glitter of the stars  
seemed farther away, and then they  
danced before his very eyes as he stumbled  
and slipped over the rough stones.

Blindly he staggered. His nerveless  
hand could hardly hold the knife. It was  
growing darker, darker. Suddenly there  
came a flash and roar from the wall of the  
canyon. Wild Horse screamed in agony,  
threw his arms aloft and fell upon the  
stones. But Robson did not heed nor see.  
The whole earth reeled before him, and he  
sank into unconsciousness. When he  
awoke, a fire lit up the canyon, a group of  
curious soldiers stood about him, and his  
head was pillowed upon Marata's breast.

"Wild Horse came first," she whispered  
when he could listen. "I saw him slip  
away and steal down the canyon, and I  
followed as fast as I could, for I knew he  
meant harm, but I could not keep up  
with him. I heard the struggle and came  
down into the canyon. Upon the wall my  
foot struck the rifle lying among the  
stones, and it was with that I shot him.  
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Robson did not answer in words. He  
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